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REF: A. STATE 103219
[1](#)B. EMAIL EXCHANGE BELL-MULL 10/06/2009 (NOTAL)

Classified By: (U) Ambassador Laurie S. Fulton; reason 1.4 (b, d)

[1](#)1. (C) In response to ref A demarche, MFA Head of Section in the Department of Security Policy Aron Bonanno gave Pol-EconCouns an initial response October 6 (conveyed to Stephen Mull in P by ref B):

- Denmark is quite supportive of the U.S. position and is ahead of other small EU countries in this regard.
- The EU has been more united than ever on Iran since the June Iranian elections. All 27 EU member states have called in the Iranian ambassador for a dressing-down four times since then.
- Institutional/personnel changes in Europe could inadvertently help Iran buy time: the Lisbon Treaty could take effect by the end of October and put Javier Solana out of a job; all the EU3 countries are changing Political Directors.
- The timing of U.S. demarches is essential: it is easiest to affect EU deliberations at lower working levels, hardest at the top level; therefore, the best time to convey U.S. points is as far as possible in advance of the monthly meetings of Foreign Ministers.

[1](#)2. (C) Bonanno appreciated the clarifications provided by Mull (in ref B exchange), and was especially interested in Mull's upcoming trip to Brussels to share thinking on sanctions possibilities.
FULTON